Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes. One building has been constructed.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know who is the present Town Planning Expert?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: The Chief Engineer.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether this building is in close proximity to the Public Offices?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No, Sir.

Representations from tenants in Vayalar West Pakuthy, Shertallai.

9. ***Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the tenants inhabiting Vettakal, Vayalar West Pakuthy, Shertallai taluk, complaining of oppression by their landlord, a resident of Cochin;

(*b*) whether the century old tenancies of the locality are being destroyed and the tenants evicted even without compensation by the said landlord; and

(*c*) whether the said landlord has been enhancing the *michavaram* to such an extent as to make it impossible of payment by the majority of the tenants?

Mr. K. Kunjan Pillai (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A representation was received by Government on 21-7-1942 and a report called for from the Division Peishkar.

(*b*) and (*c*) The information required can be furnished only on receipt of the report referred to in (*a*).

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Karthigapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that this is an attempt by a few tenants to victimise the rich land-lords?

Mr. K. Kunjan Pillai: Government have no information about that now. The report called for from the Peishkar is awaited.

Stipend to Muslim girl students in schools.

11. ***Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Muslim girls studying in English schools are given stipends; and

(*b*) whether any change has been made in the rules awarding stipends to such students?

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Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No; but scholarships are granted.

(*b*) No change has been made in the rules relating to the award of scholarships.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know what is the relevant rule for the award of scholarships to Muslim girls?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: The rule is No. 126 E. in the Education Code, which runs as follows:

> "All Mahamedan girls attending English Schools will be awarded scholarships at the rates admissible for Mahomedan boys in such institutions."

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether these scholarships were awarded during the last academic year?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes, Sir. All Mahomedan girls in English Schools were awarded scholarships.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know whether Government have received any complaint from any institution regarding the non-payment of scholarships?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There were complaints from one school in Kazhakuttom. They were enquired into and it was found that the scholarships had all been disbursed.

Dangerous condition of a causeway in Shencottah taluk.

12. * **Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received petitions from the villagers of Ayikudi and Klangand in Shencottah taluk about the dangerous condition of the existing causeway over the Hanuman river and praying for the construction of a bridge; and

(*b*) whether any estimate has been prepared for the construction of the bridge?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know when the estimate was prepared?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It was prepared in 1931.

Sahib Bahadur T. Muhamed Ismail: May I know why the construction has not taken place during the last 10 years?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It was not considered a very urgent one.

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